

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A control circuit for controlling the operation of a power fold vehicle mirror, the control circuit including:

5 a temperature sensor; and
a vehicle mirror actuation control; wherein
upon the temperature sensor sensing that a temperature of at least a portion of
the control circuit has reached or exceeded a predetermined temperature threshold,
the vehicle mirror actuation control prevents the vehicle mirror from at least folding
10 in.

2. A control circuit according to claim 1 wherein upon the temperature sensor
sensing that the temperature of at least the portion of the control circuit has reached
or exceeded the predetermined temperature threshold, the vehicle mirror actuation
15 control still allows the vehicle mirror to fold out.

3. A control circuit according to any one of claims 1 or 2 wherein the
temperature sensor is a thermistor.

20 4. A control circuit according to claim 3 wherein the vehicle mirror actuation
control prevents said vehicle mirror from folding in until said temperature has fallen
to or below a second predetermined temperature threshold.

25 5. A method of controlling the operation of a power fold vehicle mirror,
controlled by a control circuit, the method including preventing the vehicle mirror
from at least folding in if a temperature of at least a portion of the control circuit
reaches or exceeds a predetermined temperature threshold.

30 6. A method according to claim 5 wherein if at least a portion of the control
circuit reaches or exceeds the predetermined temperature threshold, the vehicle
mirror is still allowed to fold out.

7. A method according to claim 6 wherein the vehicle mirror is allowed to be folded in after the temperature falls to or below a second predetermined temperature threshold.